

**BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:**

RAND C. RITCHIE, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 41327**

Respondent.

File No. 05-2006-178155

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision and Order by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2009.

DATED June 11, 2009

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA


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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 05-2006-178155

12 RAND C. RITCHIE, M.D.

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Santa Maria, California 93455

14 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 41327

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

15 Respondent.
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18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
19 above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 PARTIES

21 1. Barbara Johnston (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical
22 Board of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is
23 represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California,
24 by Tan N. Tran, Deputy Attorney General.

25 2. Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by
26 attorney Gerald I. Sugarman, whose address is 1136 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA
27 93420.

3. On or about December 7, 1979, the Medical Board of California issued

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2 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 41327 to Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. (Respondent). The
3 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate will expire on August 31, 2009, unless renewed.

4 JURISDICTION

5 4. Accusation No. 05-2006-178155 was filed before the Board, and is
6 currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily
7 required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 10, 2008. Respondent timely
8 filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation and Amended Accusation. A copy of First
9 Amended Accusation No. 05-2006-178155 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by
10 reference.

11 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

12 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and
13 understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 05-2006-178155.
14 Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of
15 this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

16 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the
17 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the (Amended) Accusation; the right to be
18 represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses
19 against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the
20 issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents;
21 the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded
22 by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

23 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up
24 each and every right set forth above.

25 CULPABILITY

26 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in
27 First Amended Accusation No. 05-2006-178155.

28 9. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject

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2 to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the
3 Disciplinary Order below.

4 RESERVATION

5 10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of
6 this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board or other professional licensing
7 agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

8 CONTINGENCY

9 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated
10 Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same
11 force and effect as the originals.

12 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
13 agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
14 following Disciplinary Order:

15 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G
17 41327 issued to Respondent Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. (Respondent) is revoked. However, the
18 revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following
19 terms and conditions.

20 1. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE Respondent
21 shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined
22 in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business
23 and Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does
24 not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide
25 illness or condition.

26 Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawful prescription medications,
27 respondent shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and
28 telephone number; medication name and strength; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and

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2 telephone number.

3 2. ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE Respondent shall abstain
4 completely from the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

5 3. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING Respondent shall immediately submit
6 to biological fluid testing, at respondent's expense, upon the request of the Board or its designee.
7 A certified copy of any laboratory test results may be received in evidence in any proceedings
8 between the Board and the respondent. Failure to submit to, or failure to complete the required
9 biological fluid testing, is a violation of probation.

10 4. ETHICS COURSE Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this
11 Decision, respondent shall enroll in a course in ethics, at respondent's expense, approved in
12 advance by the Board or its designee. Failure to successfully complete the course during the first
13 year of probation is a violation of probation.

14 An ethics course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the
15 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board
16 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have
17 been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of
18 this Decision.

19 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or
20 its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later
21 than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

22 5. PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION Within 30 calendar days of the effective
23 date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter may be required by the Board or
24 its designee, respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological
25 testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist, who shall
26 consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other information the
27 psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its
28 designee. Psychiatric evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not

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2 be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. Respondent shall pay the cost of all
3 psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing.

4 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the
5 evaluating psychiatrist within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.
6 Failure to undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation and psychological testing, or comply
7 with the required additional conditions or restrictions, is a violation of probation.

8 6. MEDICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT Within 30 calendar
9 days of the effective date of this Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required
10 by the Board or its designee, respondent shall undergo a medical evaluation by a
11 Board-appointed physician who shall consider any information provided by the Board or
12 designee, and any other information the evaluating physician deems relevant, and shall furnish a
13 medical report to the Board or its designee.

14 Following the evaluation, respondent shall comply with all restrictions or
15 conditions recommended by the evaluating physician within 15 calendar days after being notified
16 by the Board or its designee.

17 If respondent is required by the Board or its designee to undergo medical
18 treatment, respondent shall, within 30 calendar days of the requirement notice, submit to the
19 Board or its designee for prior approval the name and qualifications of a treating physician of
20 respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician, respondent shall within 15
21 calendar days undertake medical treatment and shall continue such treatment until further notice
22 from the Board or its designee.

23 The treating physician shall consider any information provided by the Board or its
24 designee or any other information the treating physician may deem pertinent prior to
25 commencement of treatment. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly
26 reports to the Board or its designee indicating whether or not the respondent is capable of
27 practicing medicine safely. Respondent shall provide the Board or its designee with any and all
28 medical records pertaining to treatment that the Board or its designee deems necessary.

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2 If, prior to the completion of probation, respondent is found to be physically
3 incapable of resuming the practice of medicine without restrictions, the Board shall retain
4 continuing jurisdiction over respondent's license, and the period of probation shall be extended
5 until the Board determines that respondent is physically capable of resuming the practice of
6 medicine without restrictions. Respondent shall pay the cost of the medical evaluation(s) and
7 treatment.

8 Failure to undergo and continue medical treatment or comply with the required
9 additional conditions or restrictions is a violation of probation.

10 7. NOTIFICATION Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, the
11 respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decision(s) and Accusation(s) to the Chief of Staff or
12 the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to
13 respondent, at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including
14 all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive
15 Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to respondent.
16 Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar
17 days.

18 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or
19 insurance carrier.

20 8. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS During probation,
21 respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.

22 9. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local
23 laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance
24 with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.

25 10. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS Respondent shall submit quarterly
26 declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has
27 been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit quarterly
28 declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

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11. PROBATION UNIT COMPLIANCE Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in respondent's place of residence. Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board, or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than 30 calendar days.

12. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD, OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall be available in person for interviews either at respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with the Board or its designee, upon request at various intervals, and either with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

13. RESIDING OR PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE In the event respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program outside the State of California which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine within the State. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will relieve respondent of the responsibility

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2 to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and
3 the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; Probation Unit Compliance;
4 and Cost Recovery.

5 Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if respondent's periods of
6 temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California total two years. However,
7 respondent's license shall not be cancelled as long as respondent is residing and practicing
8 medicine in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the medical
9 licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date
10 probation is completed or terminated in that state.

11 14. FAILURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE - CALIFORNIA RESIDENT

12 In the event respondent resides in the State of California and for any reason
13 respondent stops practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Board or its
14 designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to
15 practice. Any period of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not
16 apply to the reduction of the probationary term and does not relieve respondent of the
17 responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of probation. Non-practice is defined as
18 any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which respondent is not engaging in any
19 activities defined in sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

20 All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the
21 Board or its designee shall be considered time spent in the practice of medicine. For purposes of
22 this condition, non-practice due to a Board-ordered suspension or in compliance with any other
23 condition of probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice.

24 Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if respondent resides in
25 California and for a total of two years, fails to engage in California in any of the activities
26 described in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052.

27 15. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Respondent shall comply with all
28 financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to

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2 the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate
3 shall be fully restored.

4 16. VIOLATION OF PROBATION Failure to fully comply with any term or
5 condition of probation is a violation of probation. If respondent violates probation in any respect,
6 the Board, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation
7 and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, Petition to Revoke
8 Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against respondent during probation, the Board
9 shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be
10 extended until the matter is final.

11 17. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this Decision, if
12 respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy
13 the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may request the voluntary surrender of
14 respondent's license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate respondent's request and to
15 exercise its discretion whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed
16 appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender,
17 respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the
18 Board or its designee and respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no
19 longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of respondent's
20 license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If respondent re-applies for a medical license, the
21 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

22 18. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs
23 associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the
24 Board, which are currently set at \$3,173.00, but may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs
25 shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no
26 later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 calendar days of the
27 due date is a violation of probation.

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10 ACCEPTANCE

11 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and
12 have fully discussed it with my attorney, Gerald I. Sugarman. I understand the stipulation and
13 the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated
14 Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
15 bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.

16 DATED: 4-23-09.

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18 RAND C. RITCHIE, M.D. (Respondent)

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21 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. the terms
22 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
23 Order. I approve its form and content.

24 DATED: 4/23/09.

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28 GERALD I. SUGARMAN

29 Attorney for Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

12 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
13 submitted for consideration by the Board.

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15 DATED: 4/27/09

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of the State of California

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Exhibit A

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41327,

**FIRST AMENDED
ACCUSATION**

Respondent.

17 Complainant alleges:

18 **PARTIES**

- 19 1. Barbara Johnston (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
20 official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board).
21 2. On or about December 17, 1979, the Board issued Physician and Surgeon's
22 Certificate number G 41327 to Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. (Respondent). This license was in full
23 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31,
24 2009, unless renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

- 26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the
27 following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise
28 indicated.

1 4. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty
2 under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not
3 to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or
4 such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division deems proper.

5 5. Section 2234 of the Code states:

6 "The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is
7 charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article,
8 unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

9 "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or
10 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5,
11 the Medical Practice Act].

12 "(b) Gross negligence.

13 "(c) Repeated negligent acts . . .

14 "(d) Incompetence.

15 "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is
16 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

17 "(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a
18 certificate."

19 6. Section 2236 of the Code states in pertinent part:

20 "(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications,
21 functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within
22 the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the
23 fact that the conviction occurred."

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25 "(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is
26 deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this Section and Section 2236.1. The
27 record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction
28 occurred."

1 7. Section 490 of the Code states:

2 “A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has
3 been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications,
4 functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A
5 conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a
6 conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to
7 take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal
8 has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order
9 granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a
10 subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.”

11 8. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1360, states:

12 “For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or
13 permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or
14 act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties
15 of a person holding a license, certificate or permit under the Medical Practice Act if to a
16 substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license,
17 certificate or permit to perform the functions authorized by the license, certificate or
18 permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes or
19 acts shall include but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate,
20 directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate
21 any provision of the Medical Practice Act.”

22 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 (Conviction of a Crime)

24 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2236 (a)(d) and
25 490 of the Code, and California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1360, in that he was
26 convicted of Driving Under the Influence of a Drug and Alcohol, a violation of section 23152(a)
27 of the Vehicle Code, a misdemeanor. The circumstances are as follows:

28 10. On or about August 30, 2006, at approximately 9:55 a.m., California

1 Highway Patrol (CHP) dispatch informed Officer J.J. Allen that an unknown motorist had
2 reported that a black Jaguar was speeding and weaving. Officer Allen observed the vehicle pass
3 him in the Number Two lane, with Officer J. Everly's patrol vehicle directly behind it. Officer
4 Everly activated the red lights and the driver exited southbound 101 at the Avenue of the Flags.
5 The driver drove onto the curb and nearly struck a sign post. Officer Allen subsequently
6 identified the driver as Rand C. Ritchie, M.D. (Respondent). Officer Allen noted the odor of an
7 alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle, and noticed that Respondent's eyes were glassy and that
8 his speech was slurred.

9 11. After Respondent failed to complete several Field Sobriety tests in a
10 satisfactory manner, Officer Allen arrested Respondent for violation of section 23152(a) of the
11 California Vehicle Code. Officer Allen subsequently transported Respondent to the Buelton
12 CHP office where Officer Hrehor conducted a drug influence evaluation. Based upon the
13 evaluation, Officer Hrehor formed the opinion that Respondent was under the combined
14 influence of a narcotic analgesic and alcohol. A urine sample was also obtained at approximately
15 11:10 a.m. on August 30, 2006. A toxicology report later indicated that Respondent tested
16 positive for marijuana and opiates.

17 12. On or about December 18, 2007, Respondent was convicted by a jury for
18 driving under the influence of a drug and alcohol, a violation of section 23152(a) of the Vehicle
19 Code, a misdemeanor. After unsuccessfully moving for a new trial, Respondent was sentenced
20 on or about April 8, 2008 to three (3) years' probation, with restrictions imposed on his driving
21 privileges for six months, including a one year prohibition on drinking, as well as an imposition
22 of fines and restitution, and other standard terms and conditions.¹

23 DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

24 4. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on
25 Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about January 19, 2007, in a prior criminal
26 proceeding entitled *People v. Rand C. Ritchie, M.D.* in San Luis Obispo County-Grover Beach
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28 1. Respondent is currently appealing this conviction.

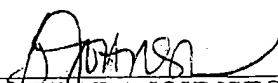
1 Branch Superior Court, Case Number M000393657, Respondent was convicted for disturbing
2 the peace, a misdemeanor, stemming from an arrest which occurred on or about August 28, 2006.
3 Respondent was ordered to eighteen months summary probation and was ordered to pay a fine of
4 \$250. In 1985, 1986, and 1991, Respondent was also convicted of separate (Driving Under the
5 Influence) DUI incidents. Based upon these repeated DUI incidents, the Board initiated a
6 disciplinary case against Respondent (Case No. 05-1992-15743). A Decision, dated December
7 15, 1994, was reached in this case, which placed Respondent on five years probation.
8 Respondent completed probation on December 15, 1999. The record of the criminal and
9 administrative proceedings are incorporated as if fully set forth.

10 PRAYER

11 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters
12 herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 13 1. Revoking or suspending Physician and Surgeon's Certificate Number G
14 41327, issued to Rand C. Ritchie, M.D.
15 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of his authority to supervise
16 physicians' assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
17 3. If placed on probation, ordering him to pay the Board the costs of
18 probation monitoring;
19 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

20 DATED: July 10, 2008

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24 BARBARA JOHNSTON
25 Executive Director
26 Medical Board of California
27 State of California
28 Complainant